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President Barack Obama recently signed legislation that presents a myriad of funding opportunities for Los Angeles County. While much of this funding will be distributed via fixed formulas, the County should do everything possible to maximize our return in those areas where decision-making is possible. When the State will not advocate for the County, we must develop strategies to directly draw down the federal funds, for example, by using Intergovernmental Transfers.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT:

The Chief Executive Office convene a targeted working group which should include the Director of Health Services, Los Angeles County's Chief Sacramento Lobbyist, the Interim Director of Governmental Relations and Policy, the County Legislative Strategist, the Deputy Chief Executive Officers for Health, Budget, Public Safety and Social Services, the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and the Deputy Director of the Department of Public Health, to develop specific priorities and strategies to draw down maximum federal funding for Los Angeles County, focusing exclusively on those areas of opportunity where the grants are not fixed and where County advocacy and proposal-development can make a difference drawing down these funds.

This might include, but is not limited to:

- **Health Services opportunities** through the Department of Health and Human Services (Page 61) including \$300,000,000 for National Health Services Corp recruitment efforts, \$200,000,000 for primary care medicine, dentistry and public health efforts, \$1,500,000,000 for health information technology systems and \$500,000,000 to address health professions workforce shortages. In addition, the workgroup should develop specific strategies to maximize health

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coverage for children through the federal expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). If the State will not draw down maximum federal SCHIP funds, the workgroup should develop alternative strategies such as sending Intergovernmental Transfers and/or appealing to private foundations to match County contributions.

- **Employment and Training opportunities** for adults and children through the Department of Labor (Page 58), including \$750,000,000 million for worker training and placement in the high growth and emerging industry sectors.
- **Housing and Economic Development opportunities** through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Neighborhood Stabilization Program including \$2,000,000,000 to address distressed homeowners because of foreclosures and \$150,000,000 in economic development assistance funds to stimulate employment and help economically distressed communities.
- **Disease Prevention opportunities** through the Department of Health and Human Services (page 66) including \$300,000,000 for immunizations and \$650,000,000 for community based prevention strategies.
- **Crime Preventing opportunities** through the Department of Justice including \$1,000,000,000 in Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) hiring grants and \$225,000,000 in Byrne Competitive Grants.

This group should report back to the board in 30 days, on April 14, 2009.

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